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METHOD THEREFOR

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## PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

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Sir:

Prior to the initial examination of the above-identified application, Applicant respectfully requests that the application be amended as follows.

Amendments to the Abstract begin on page 2 of this Amendment.

Amendments to the claims are reflected in the listing of claims that begins on page 3 of this Amendment.

The Remarks portion begins on page 8 of this Amendment.

## THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE In re application of: Izuru Tanaka 09/600,925 Serial No. Filed November 25, 1999 For ELECTRONIC EQUIPMENT AND OPERATION CONTROL METHOD THEREFOR Group A.U. May 24, 2004 Date Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 Sir: Transmitted herewith is a Preliminary Amendment in the above-identified application. X No fee is required. The fee has been calculated as shown below. \_\_\_\_ Total claims in excess of 20 previously paid for, at \$18 (\$9) \_\_\_\_. Independent claims in excess of 3 previously paid for, at \$86 (\$43) \_\_\_\_. Additional Fee for this Amendment \_\_\_\_\_. This response is being filed within the \_\_\_\_ first month, \_\_\_ second month, \_\_\_ fourth month, \_\_\_\_ fifth month following the expiration of the term originally set therefor. Applicants Petition for an extension, and the fee of \_\_\_\_\_ \$110 (\$55), \_\_\_\_ \$420 (\$205), \_\_\_\_ \$950 (\$465), \_\_\_\_ \$1,450 (\$725), \_\_\_\_ \$1,970 (\$985) is due and paid herewith.

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